

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY 2018

“SIMPLY JESUS”

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Restoring all people
to God's living truth
and equipping them
to passionately
live it out!

Good Morning and Welcome to Ebenezer!

Good morning and welcome to week #4 of our Lenten journey. This morning we are considering the fact that the message that Jesus brought to the world was not just His own personal message. The life and ministry to Jesus fit within the broader context of the history of the world and the story that God has been telling ever since the creation of the world. And you and I have now become part of that story too!

Lord's Day 14

Q35. What does it mean that he "was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary"?

A. That the eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took to himself, through the working of the Holy Spirit, from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, truly human nature so that he might become David's true descendant, like his brothers in every way except for sin.

Welcome

Welcoming the Word

Call to Worship and Prayer

Song: We Worship You

Greeting

Song: Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Time of Confession

Song: Lord, Listen to Your Children

Assurance of Pardon

Song: Come as You Are

Apostle's Creed

Song: I Believe in Jesus

Announcements

Thank Offering: **1 - Ebenezer Ministries**

2 - Calvin Seminary

Children's Message

(Children ages 3 - Grade 3 leave for Children's Church)

Scripture: John 5:30-46

Sermon: "Says Who?"

Song: Meekness and Majesty

Parting Blessing

Song: For Those Tears I Died

Please join us for coffee, tea and juice after the service!

Church Family

Tim & Bev C's granddaughter, **Isabel Cadence**, was born prematurely this week. She is quite tiny, and was still in the hospital as of Friday. Please keep her and their family in prayer. We praise God for this blessing and pray for continued growth and strength for Isabel!

Congratulations to **Maia (D) and Brian T** who were blessed with a baby boy last week. **Asher Dirk Bryn T**.

Evelyn T would like to thank the congregation for their visits, prayers, cards, flowers and well wishes during her stay in the hospital. It was all very appreciated. Thank you!

Mary S was able to come home from the hospital last week, Praise the Lord!

Please continue to remember in prayer those who are hurting physically or emotionally, those who are struggling with illness or injury, those who are recovering from surgery, and those who are grieving. We pray God's peace, comfort, and healing for you all.

WIDOWED LUNCH BUNCH - will meet again for lunch at the home of John and Joyce D today at 12:30 pm. We welcome anyone who is a widow or widower.

SENIOR GAMES DAY! - All seniors are welcome to come on Tuesday, March 20 at 10:00 a.m. You are encouraged to dress springy in celebration of the first day of Spring!! Looking forward to seeing you all! Please rsvp by calling the church office

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE -

Seniors Games Day March 20: Two volunteers to help with lunch and others are invited in fellowship with the seniors.

Classis Conference Lunch Prep - Friday, April 13: Prepping for lunch that we will be serving the next day

Classis Conference Lunch - Friday, April 14: Serving lunch and cleanup

Meal Making Day - Tuesday, April 24: Many people have been blessed by the meals!

All these are important events for the church. Our seniors love the games day, and we love our seniors! Classis thoroughly appreciates having their meetings and conferences here as our location is most convenient for those coming from Neerlandia and Red Deer and all over the region. Classis has budgeted payment for serving lunch, so these lunches have become somewhat of a fundraiser. The meals we make on Meal Making days are distributed to people in our congregation and community to help bless them in difficult times or as an extension of love from the church family, they are always appreciated! There is a sign-up sheet on the table by the mailboxes, thank you!

KUB KAR RACES - This Saturday, March 17th, come out and race your car or join us for lunch and cheer for your favourite! Registration opens at 10am and races begin at 10:30! A concession with good food and snacks will be provided by the GEMS counsellors. Concession profits will go towards fundraising efforts for GEMS Leadership Training.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - VBS is coming just around the corner and the VBS team is looking for an individual to apprentice this year for VBS and then lead for the 2019 year. It is a 2 year commitment. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this position and if you have any questions please talk to Kelly L or Christine H. Thank you!

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE - Do you love GEMS? Are you a past Calvinette or GEMS Counsellor? All women are invited to join us at the 2018 GEMS Conference as we celebrate 60 years of ministry! Join us at Redeemer University College, in Ancaster ON, July 13-15! Earlybird rates expire on March 10th. Please talk to any GEMS Counsellor for more information.

SUMMER SIGN UP TO TEACH 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS - Children's Church for 3 & 4 year olds runs all year round! We are asking parents, grandparents, (Aunts, Uncles, Friends) to sign up to teach over the summer. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the foyer so you can sign up for the weeks that work best for you! All teaching curriculum and materials are provided. Safe Church approval is required and there will be training offered in June. Thank you for serving and living out our baptismal commitments to these precious little ones in our church family!



CHILDREN'S CHURCH ASSISTANT NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER - We are looking for someone to assist our Children's Church Director starting September with the intent of becoming the Director for 2019-2020. This will only be a two year commitment. The program we have been using the last years is well established and easy to follow. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this position. If you have questions please contact Alice (T) V or Carrie T.

Deacon's Corner

1st Offering - EBENEZER MINISTRIES - This offering is used to cover the day-to-day expenses of the church, fund the various ministries at Ebenezer, cover the salaries of staff, and contributes to the ministry shares that we are committed to as members of Classis Alberta North and the CRC Denomination.

2nd Offering - CALVIN SEMINARY - Calvin Theological Seminary exists to serve the Christian Reformed Church in North America and wider constituencies by preparing persons for biblically faithful and contextually effective ministry of the Word and by offering Reformed theological scholarship and counsel. For more info see calvinseminary.edu

Next Week - EMMANUEL HOME - As part of our Christian and communal responsibilities, we care for the seniors in our Reformed Christian community by providing quality facilities and programs for their use and benefit. Emmanuel Home is a desirable residential option for seniors in the Reformed Christian community in Edmonton and surrounding area. For more info see emmanuelhome.ab.ca

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Monday	7:00 pm	Friendship
Wednesday	10:00 am	Coffee Break
	6:45 pm	GEMS
Thursday	8:00 pm	Church Life Team Meeting
Friday	3:45 pm	Easter Ensemble Practice
Saturday	10:00 am	Kub Kar Races
Sunday (Mar 18)	9:15 am	Weekly Prayer Meeting in Library
	10:00 am	Lent Service

March 30 - Good Friday Service 7 pm

April 1 - Easter Sunday Service 10 am

Community & Denominational Announcements



GET YOUR TICKETS - Join the Mob at Trinity Christian Reformed Church for the Mosaic Centre's ROARING '20s Dinner and Auction Saturday April 21st @ 5:00 pm. \$60/each. Visit: mosaicauction.eventbrite.com or/RSVP to the Mosaic Centre at 780.722.3247

PASSION PLAY - Musical passion Play at Millwoods Assembly March 17-20, 2018. 5 performances: Saturday 3pm, 6pm, Sunday 3pm, Monday 7:30 pm, Tuesday 7:30 pm. Nursery Care provided, free admission. Doors open 1 hour before performances. More info at www.mwassembly.ca or 780-462-1515.

GALS - GROWING, ALIVE LIVING, SERVING - Leduc Alliance church's women's ministry present an evening with Cindy Keating, writer, speaker, and worship leader. Women of all ages are welcome to join us April 23, 2018 @7pm at Leduc Alliance Church.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR ?! - We need VOLUNTEERS at the Mission Thrift Store, formerly "Bibles for Missions Thrift Store". We are a volunteer operated thrift store that has been around for 25yrs, our proceeds go the Bible League; supporting local & international missions & ministry! A lot of volunteers have been with us for many years and are starting to retire from volunteering so we need help on a variety of days and shifts. Any commitment of time would be a HUGE BLESSING to us! We sort, price, and display donations, drink coffee, eat cookies and visit ! We have a lovely time working for the KINGDOM together! Interested ? Contact our Volunteer Coordinator Melissa at missionthriftstore.edm@gmail.com or pop in and see us at 15222 Stony Plain Rd. We are open Monday to Saturday 930-430pm.



EMMANUEL HOME'S 'RACE FOR THE AGES - in search of the golden YEG' will be held on Saturday, May 26, 2018. Save the Date and register your four-person team by May 14, 2018. This race is not like any race we have ever done before! No route agents, no clues and you make your own route. All you need is a cell phone and the ability to click & send. Team members must each raise a minimum of \$300 in pledges. It promises to be a day of fun, fellowship, and prizes. Register by May 4, for early bird prize eligibility. For more information contact Maria mbos@emmanuelhome.ca or 780-478-2051 Register online at <http://emmanuelhome.ca/involved/race-for-the-ages>.



LENT PRAYER CAMPAIGN FOR INDIGENOUS JUSTICE - The Christian Reformed Church has affirmed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. But what does that mean? This Lent, the CRC's Canadian Aboriginal Ministry Committee invites you to enter into the themes of the Declaration through prayer. This is our prayer this week: You know the pain of losing a child. We pray for members of northern communities, as they struggle through the pain of suicide deaths. Bring comfort and peace to these families and communities. Disrupt, unsettle, and heal the forces and broken systems in which children end their lives. Bring healing, strength, and renewal to Indigenous children, youth, and their families. Join with us this Lenten season to pray: crcna.org/DeclarationPrayers

SHARE YOUR CREATION CARE WORSHIP RESOURCE! - Create and submit worship resources on creation care! A free crowdsourced collection of worship resources will be released in the fall of 2018. If you have a helpful resource or idea, we want to see it! Details at justice.crcna.org/worship. (Sponsored by CRC Climate Witness Project, Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, World Renew, the Office of Social Justice and CRC Worship Ministries.)

MUSTARD SEED - We are pleased to announce that effective March 1, The Mustard Seed is giving operation and program support to the Christian Care Centre. Located in west Edmonton, the Centre is dedicated to providing support for individuals within the community who may be struggling with poverty, homelessness, disabilities, addictions, mental illness and loneliness. The Christian Care Centre shares many similarities with The Mustard Seed, including our Christ-centered values and our organizational goals. By supporting the Christian Care Centre, we can expand our services for those living in poverty and homelessness in the west Edmonton area and continue to meet the needs of the city's most vulnerable individuals. How you can get involved: The Mustard Seed is seeking three volunteers to help out at the Christian Care Centre, four days a week from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm on a weekly or bi-monthly basis. Two volunteers are required to work in the kitchen preparing and serving breakfast (cereal, porridge, toast, juice, coffee) plus a light lunch in the morning, depending on the availability of donated food items in our pantry (soup, casseroles, hot dogs, salad, etc.). One volunteer is required to work in the clothing room, unpacking and organizing clothing donations and helping participants find clothes. For more information on the volunteer roles, please contact VolunteerEdmonton@theseed.ca.

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP HISTORY - Were you or your church involved in refugee sponsorship in the early days of the program from 1979 through the 1990s? If so, we would love to hear from you. 2019 will be the 40th anniversary of the Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program in Canada. To mark this occasion, World Renew's Refugee Program is putting together a history of the Christian Reformed churches of Canada's involvement in private sponsorship. Reply to Rebecca Walker at rwalker@worldrenew.net

JESUS ANSWERS "GOTCHA" QUESTIONS - As Jesus' popularity increases, religious authorities focus their efforts on discrediting him. Join Groundwork as we study Mark 11 and Mark 12 to see how Jesus evades their traps and discover the wisdom and truth we gain as a result. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

FAMILY FIRE - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

LONESOME CHUCKWALLA - Scooter's hero, airplane ace Lonesome Chuckwalla, crash lands into Grandpa's barn in a storm. Subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com.

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Thank You to Our Volunteers

Ushers: Dennis V, Tim C, Bev C	Next Week: John T, Howard O, Ted K
Greeters: Gerard & Wendy B	Next Week: Hank & Henry G
Coffee Duties: Scott & Jody K, Graham & Brianne R, James & Cindy H	
Next Week: Johan & Tammy M, Jon & Sandy V, Derrick & Kimberly M	
Worship Team: Grace & Team	Next Week: Youth Team
Projection & Audio: Jamie & Matt	Next Week: Ted & Dan
Serving Elder: Frank V	Next Week: Pete V
Nursery: Supervisor - Glen H	
Tod: Alex B, Leanne K, Seth A	Inf: Glen H, Sadie H, Jay A, Andrea K
Next Week: Supervisor - Carol W	
Tod: Carol W, Jordan S, Shane K	Inf: Kristy I, Candice P, Kaitlyn M

